

About the Contest

Alaska laws require a state ferry be named after an Alaska glacier. This contest will allow a student in the 2nd through 6th grade to choose a name for one of our new ferries. To enter, write an essay of up to 250 words explaining why you picked a particular glacier name.

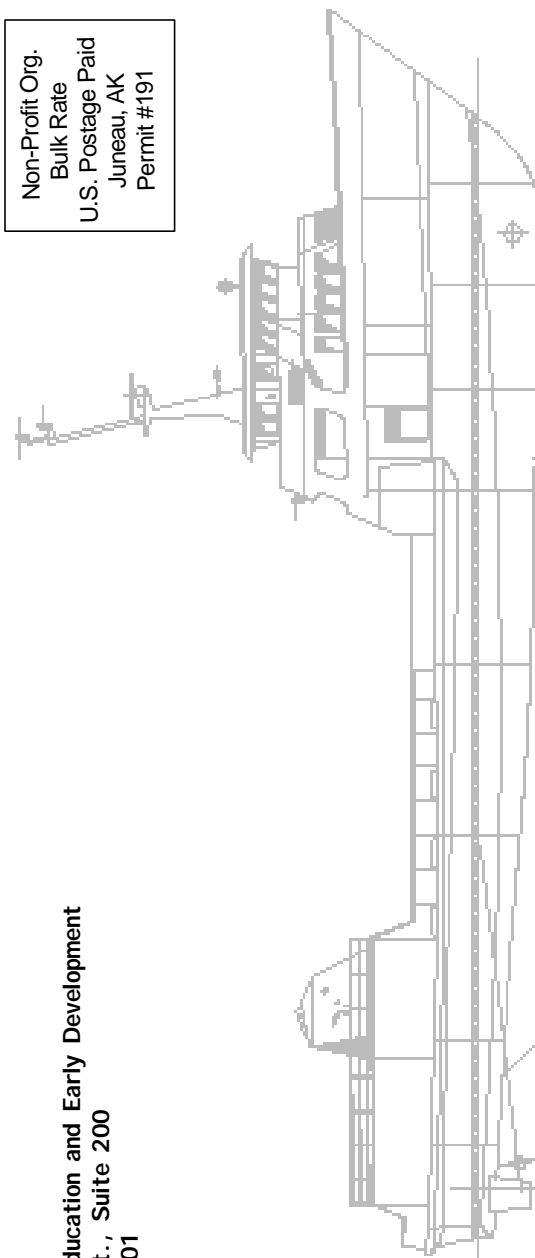
Judges at each school will pick the best essay from that school and forward it to the school district. Each district will then choose essays to forward to the Department of Education and Early Development, which will work with Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer and the Statewide Selection Committee to choose the winners. The essays will be judged on content, originality, composition and writing skills, grammar, and spelling.

All participants will receive a letter and certificate of appreciation. District winners will receive a vessel photo. The top ten essay winners will win a three-day ferry pass for themselves and their parents. The winning essay for each vessel will be permanently mounted on the new vessel, and the winners and their parents will receive a six-day cruise, including stateroom and meals, on any Alaska Marine Highway vessel.

**Essay due date:
January 30, 2002**

This is a project developed and coordinated by the Office of the Lt. Governor, Alaska State Legislature, Alaska Marine Highway System, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. If you have questions, call:
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Name the New Ferries Contest for Alaska's Marine Highway

**Write an essay to name one
of the new ferries and win:**

- A six-day cruise on one of Alaska's ferries, including a stateroom and meals (for both you and your parents)!
- Your essay permanently displayed on the ferry you name!
- A six-day cruise for your teacher!



www.alaska.gov/ferry

Did you know?

- An Alaska Marine Highway ferry has to be named after an Alaska glacier (it's the law!)
- Eleven names have been used and cannot be used again:

Aurora	Malaspina
Bartlett	Matanuska
Chilkat	Taku
Columbia	Tustumena
Kennicott	Wickersham
LeConte	
- There are 735 more glacier names to choose from!

Tips to help you:

1. New and original ideas – something nobody has thought of before.
2. Include facts about your glacier – both from science and history.
3. Your essay has a beginning, middle and an end and is easy to read.
4. A person reading your essay can tell how you feel about what you are writing.
5. You use interesting words. Your sentences are complete and make sense.
6. Your spelling, use of paragraphs, punctuation, and grammar are correct.

Prizes for everyone!

- Everyone gets a special appreciation certificate.
- District winners get a photo of one of the new ferries.
- The top ten selected essays earn students a three-day ferry pass for themselves and their parents.
- The top two winners (and their parents) get a six-day cruise on a ferry (with a stateroom and meals) plus their essay is permanently displayed in the new ferry.
- The winners' teachers will also get a six-day cruise on any AMHS vessel.

Here's How You Do It:

1. Get a list of Alaska glacier names. You can do this by contacting your school librarian, public librarian or the internet.
2. From the list of glaciers, pick out a name for one of the new ferries.
3. Write an essay of up to 250 words, about 1 page, explaining why you selected the name. Be creative! Have fun with the essay.
4. Fill out the entry form and attach it to your essay. Then turn in your essay to your teacher. That's all there is to it! Yours may be one of the winning essays!



Details on the New Ferries

The New Metlakatla Ferry

Length overall 181 feet
 Max. beam 50 feet
 Vehicle capacity 18 cars
 Passenger capacity 149
 Speed 12 knots
 Route Metlakatla to Ketchikan

The New Fast Ferry

Length overall 235 feet
 Max. beam 60 feet
 Vehicle capacity 36 cars
 Passenger capacity 250
 Speed 32 knots
 Route No. 1 Sitka to Juneau